

# COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

5:00 pm

San Francisco City Hall, Room 408

## Members Present:

*President Dr. Shokooh Miry*  
*Commissioner Sophia Andary*  
*Commissioner Dr. Anne Moses*

*Vice President Dr. Raveena Rihal*  
*Commissioner Sharon Chung (Virtual)*  
*Commissioner Ani Rivera*

### I. CALL TO ORDER

President Miry called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm. President Miry reviewed the ground rules. Ms. Battung conducted Roll Call and read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledge. Commissioner Breanna Zwart excused from this meeting.

### II. FINDINGS TO ALLOW TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e).

Action to adopt in-person meetings with members to participate remotely

**(Roll Call Vote) Ani Rivera/Sophia Andary 6 ayes, 0 nays – Unanimous**

No Commissioner Comment.

No public comment

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 31, 2022 MEETING

No changes to the minutes.

Motion to approve meeting agenda:

**(Roll Call Vote) Dr. Raveena Rihal/Dr. Anne Moses 6 ayes, 0 nays – Unanimous**

Commissioner comments:

Miry – stand in solidarity with the women of Iran and those protesting. See the intersection and the events like these in Iran and the control over women’s bodies. Thank to Dir Ellis in its support and the department for making sf safe for women, girls and nonbinary individuals.

Rivera: congrats to President Miry for her new role.

No public comment.

#### IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dir. Ellis highlighted:

- Health & Safety – met with Family Violence Council Tri-Chairs and community chairs for the goals of the next year – space of implementations of policy recommendations, and redesign of the report
- Recommendations for a revamped a family violence report to share at the quarterly report
- Economic security – met with Community Forward, address intersection of safety and housing, high need of gbv based housing
- Political Empowerment – launched the service area with a press event with Ignite on voter registration day, kicked off ignite the vote the campaign to get high school to vote for the mid-term elections but prep them as high propensity voters
- Multiple research projects this month – semi-annual of the abortion law, updates to the 12x restrictions, and projects on gender disparity and income, future programming on these gaps
- Survey to the community for a listen and learn tour in all 12 supervisorial districts

Commissioner Comments:

Rihal – how to plan to administer survey? – a variety of methods, old school paper, social, texting and emailing – all the various methods we will be utilizing, program managers will go out to the districts, partner with the supervisors on preexisting events that they can attend, part of the survey will include on how they will be communicated

Moses – temporary individuals who don't feel committed to voting in SF.

Miry – registration diff in SF? Data from Pew, but nothing specific to the city.

Rivera – getting more women engaged to get them to vote, guaranteed income pilot programs – great opportunity for those who can access GIP, how was it determined to work with criminal justice and juvenile sector. Pilot program for Cameo House (for mothers) and Native American communities (for survivors) – recognized as the department in terms of the funding allocation that communities that were wholly left out (black and native) focus on racial justice. CA COSW and blue shield of CA.

No public comment.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Presentation by Alliance for Girls

- No objections to one speaker from AFG attending virtually
- Roe v. Wade impacting youth
- The largest regional alliance of girl-serving orgs – inclusive of gender expansive youth, trans girls, gender nonconforming youth, anyone identified as a girl
- Wheel with 3 diff progs – starting with research, collective advocacy, intergenerational
- Radical Safety – safety report in the bay area defines safety, 89 girls in a focus group
  - o Defined as trust, nonjudgement, representation, and sovereignty
  - o The need for safety is more important now than it ever has been
- Expand those who we consider is the impacted audience with the overturning of roe v. wade
  - o Intergenerational issue, vulnerable to healthcare barriers
  - o Gender binary does not determine reproductive health
- Reproductive justice is a nuanced girls issue – lense of gender equity
- Empower them to have autonomy
- Researchers found youth identified as female, transgender, nonbinary, multiple gender etc received more barriers to access to health/reproductive health services (studied before pandemic) only assume that they have more barriers and look different
- Evidence support this in 2021 – United Isolated Voices during COVID-19:
  - o 44% have more caregiving responsibilities – have negatively their impact their education
    - 39% of respondents were from SF
  - o 18% not having access to female hygiene products
  - o 14% of sf not having access to birth control, 17% identified as LATINX
- Overall is the solution must match the issue at hand – black, gender expansive are most vulnerable
- Negatively impacting their access to resources from a young age
- Were focused on individuals coming from other areas of the country to get access to our reproductive health but we also need to expand to these youth in these decisions
  - o Uplify youth as key leaders and decision makers on all issues that impact them
  - o Redefine schools as ecosystems for girls/youth wellness
    - Build coalitions between school to create a true continuum of serices
    - Provide wellness workshops
  - o Schools must be positioned to provide continuous support
  - o Collaborating with key stakeholders in a memo to the State Dept of Education
    - Quarterly meetings SDE on what we could to support these schools to provide just that
  - o Increase funding for school sites to tailor these supports
  - o Youth participatory style report lead by young moms – 59 young moms in SCC, informed key policy recommendations, identified a shift in the narrative through a 7 minute video
    - Policy memo through office of women’s policy in SCC
  - o Working with Planned Parenthood Mar Monte – instrumental in bringing in this pilot program into fruition
  - o Dedicated funding in uplifting girls and gender-expansive youth
  - o SB 367 – equity funding
  - o Ultimately what we must prioritize safety defined by girls and gender expansive youth, if they are truly creating safe environments especially girls of color

- What can the commission to do:
  - Invest data infrastructure and coordinated policy response – gender equity is a priority for social services and public health department – aggregated gender
  - Elevate the voices of these gender expansive youth
  - Girls inherit the laws, budget, policies etc but don't get much of the say so we need to change this – part of designing CA response to the overturn of Roe v. Wade.

Commissioner Comments:

Andary – biggest honors of being on the board of AFG for the incredible work that AFG does. big on data, data infrastructure is so important and not enough of people talk about it, commend AFG for the work they do to get all the data and the information you pulled. THANK YOU

Rivera – ticket price for doing something like in SCC? – *400k, given stipends and provided childcare, cell phone costs- was able to create a very powerful report* - Really appreciate graphics, very inclusive, so beautiful, kudos for investing in images that tell a story

Miry – the list of how girls define safety is amazing. Really impressive that you asked these girls and the values behind these organizations. Pay attending and differences in the answers based on their real-life experiences.

School as an ecosystem for wellness, made a reference for workshops, share more of the workshops are:

*the issue is very nuanced, recognized mental, financial wellness and dress codes, show up in ways where they aren't targeted. CDE of programming/workshops in addressing the nuances in these. Will look differently depending on the population that we are speaking to.*

No public comment.

2022 Annual Conference on Tuesday, October 11 – seats and sponsorships still available.

Social media kit will be shared with commissioners, link/info included in monthly newsletter sent out today.

## VI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner comments:

Andary – condemned transphobic comments made by Supervisor Peskin. Shared that the SFWPC condemns the comments made by Supervisor Peskin. Supervisor Peskin's characterization of his initial comments and his apology does not take full accountability for the harm he has caused. Words matter. Hold elected leaders to the highest standards. To transgender community, especially to the black transgender community – I see you and I am here for you and always have your back.

Miry – share your outrage.

No public comment.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:17.